



RMP Goal

"Establishment of a permanent Preserve dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the biological... resources of Otay Ranch, the maintenance of biological diversity, and survival and recovery of native species and habitats within the Preserve..."



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Selected Biological Objectives and Polices

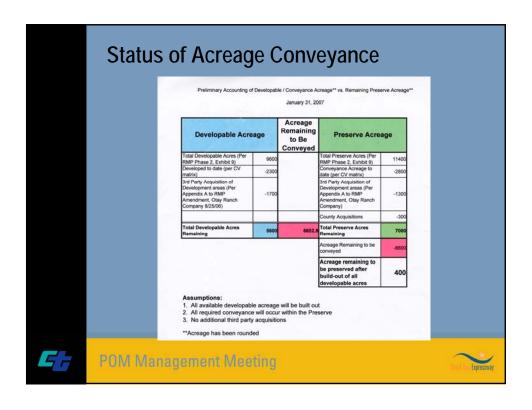
Preserve coastal sage scrub habitat (policy 2.2) and California gnatcatcher and cactus wren populations (policy 2.5)

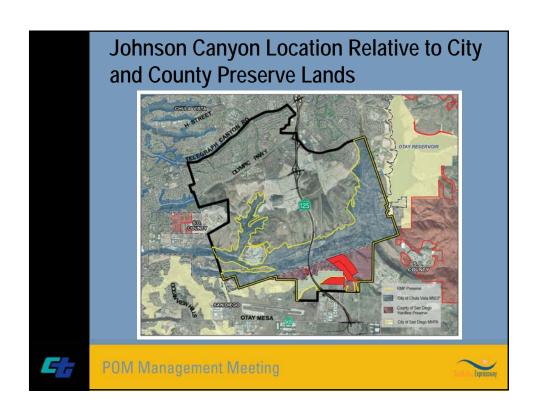
Preserve threatened and endangered species including Otay tarplant (policy 2.6)

Preserve vernal pool habitat and species (policy 2.9)









SR 125 S Johnson Canyon Preserved Lands

- 150 acres in 3 parcels preserved for vernal pools, cactus wren, coastal California gnatcatcher, and Otay tarplant
- 3 parcels in RMP Preserve
- Legal access



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SR 125 S Johnson Canyon Preserved Lands

- Fully owned by Caltrans
- Agency-approved Habitat Management Plan (HMP) which identifies POM as management entity
- \$587,341 Endowment (\$123 per acre per year)
- SR 125 S facilitated Otay Ranch development that allows for RMP implementation





SR 125 S Johnson Canyon Key HMP Obligations

- Cactus wren & gnatcatcher surveys, every year for 5 years, then once every 3 years
 - Consistent with Otay Ranch RMP requirements
 - Surveys performed 2005, 2006 and 2007
- · Quino surveys, 3 times over 9 years
 - Otay Ranch RMP requires initial baseline survey, then when population = 25, census effort to focus on 2 unspecified locations
 - Baseline survey performed in 2005 (results negative)



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SR 125 S Johnson Canyon Key HMP Obligations

continued

- Adaptive management involves annual report, weed abatement, signage
 - RMP requires weed abatement, signage, collection of data
 - Annual reports prepared 2005 and 2006
 - Dethatch performed in 2006 and upcoming in 2007
- 6 bi-lingual signs posted and gate installed





Findings

- Parcels within Otay RMP Preserve
- Consistent with RMP biological goals, objectives and policies
- Satisfy almost ½ of 400 acre Preserve shortfall
- Funds provided for monitoring and maintenance obligations

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Requested Action Items

- Direct POM staff to pursue transfer
- Recommended POM Policy Committee accept transfer



